GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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Aadhaar Mandatory for Pensioners
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been made mandatory for the pensioners to seed their aadhaar number with their bank account and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is proposed that pension will not be released to the pensioners having no aadhaar number after 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that a large number of pensioners of the age of 80 and 90 years have no aadhaar cards and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to facilitate issue of aadhaar cards to pensioners?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)
(a) and (b): No, Madam. There is, at present, no proposal to make Aadhaar seeding mandatory for release of pension to the Central Government pensioners.

(c) and (d): Eighty-seven percent of Central Government pensioners of all age categories have seeded their bank accounts with Aadhaar number. The remaining thirteen percent, including those Government pensioners of the age of 80 and 90 years have not yet seeded their bank accounts with Aadhaar number. The Government has made efforts to seed accounts of all Central Government pensioners with Aadhaar numbers so as to enable them to benefit from the additional facility of submission of Digital Life Certificate. Public Sector Banks are authorised to enrol pensioners for issue of Aadhaar number, including old and infirm pensioners.

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